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Applicants: Sidoti, et al.
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Title: **COOKING SALT FORMULATIONS AND METHODS**

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RESPONSE

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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2003. Please consider the following amendment in determining the allowability of the instant application. This amendment is respectfully submitted to remove all issues which could arguably impede the allowability of this application in order expedite its allowance.

In the Claims:

The claims are amended as follows.

Claims 1-21 are cancelled.

22. (Currently amended) The ~~aqueous composition~~ method according to claim 24-31 wherein said calcium cation is included in said cooking water composition in an ~~amount~~ a concentration ranging from about 50 to about 85 150 mg/L.